

CITY OF EUREKA



Quarterly Report Q4 2014

EPD: Charging Forward!

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Serious Violent Crime By the Numbers

Murders: 5
Rapes: 20
ADW: 51
Robbery: 67
Burglary: 476
Auto theft: 168

This past quarter Measure Q passed, due in part to the hard work and dedication of the EPOA. Several of its members devoted a great deal of time to ensuring its success. In particular Corrie Watson shouldered a Yeo-woman's load. This measure's passage will allow EPD to maintain current levels of staffing and service.

Here is what that means to each citizen and resident of Eureka. Homeless criminal behavior is a high priority. Captain Steve Watson is leading the effort to have a **balanced** solution. EPD deconstructed more than 60 homeless camps this past year, arrested more than 5,000 people (all crimes) and cited many

more for non-jail able offences. Of those arrests 2,485 were for state or EMC violations primarily violated by our transient population. More importantly, 11 people who where chronic homeless have been helped by being placed into homes, facilities or treatment programs. EPD is also working diligently with the community, charities, other City staff members to find alternative housing options for the homeless. It is great to see large segments of the community jump in the process to find solutions and take the effort to the next level.

Theft has been and continues to be a serious problem. In spite of alert community members and patrol

officers making numerous arrests for burglary, they continue to be problematic. Captain Brian Stephens is leading the charge to slow their pace of burglary and theft.

This has been a very busy year for EPD, and we have accomplished much. In addition to great police work we have also selected a new Records Management system, restructured the Department and promoted 6 new leaders. Now we collectively **CHARGE** forward.

EPD Cares!

EPD officers, dispatchers and civilian staff collected more than \$3,000 to give to needy families over the holidays. Some got wide media attention such as shop with a cop and other efforts went without notice

or publicity. One officer found a homeless family (mom and two kids) with no place to stay on Christmas. He got them a room, presents and food. No one knew. Another family had a set of tragic circumstances

after the death of a child. A dispatcher raised hundreds of dollars from her colleagues to give to the family and get them on their feet. No one knew. The reality is this happens regularly. EPD cares!



“Much of crime is preventable. By Securing items most often stolen property crime can be reduced”

End of Year Crime Data: Violent Crime is Down

	2014	2013	Difference
Overall crime increased slightly this year as compared to 2013 by 49 cases. Of the crimes reported to the FBI, EPD recorded 2318 cases in 2014, as compared to 2269 the previous year. Violent crime fell from 185 cases in 2013 to 143 in 2014.			
Aggravated assaults reduced by 50% from 100 cases to 50. Burglary increased from 397 to 512 cases or 23%.			
Murder	5	2	3
Rape	20	17	3
Total Robbery	67	66	1
Armed	34	33	1
Strong Arm	33	33	0
Assault DW	51	100	-49
Burglary	476	397	79
Theft	1531	1505	26
Vehicle Theft	168	181	-13
Totals	2318	2269	49

Officer of the Quarter!



Officer Drake Goodale has been the champion of Old Town for the past two and 1/2 years, taking care of businesses and homeless people alike. His tall stature, country swagger and diligent work ethic speak volumes of his skill as a police officer and man. Drake returns to 3rd watch patrol where he is needed as a Field Training Officer and certified department range instructor.

This past year Officer Goodale arrested and cited more than 350 people for a variety of public offences, counseled scores of homeless and solved hundreds of problems. Most importantly Officer Goodale and his partner Pamlyn Millsap helped 11 houseless persons find places to stay. Drake Goodale is EPD's officer of the quarter.



SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION: QUEEN OF THE AIR

Brittany Wilson has been a Communications Dispatcher with the Eureka Police Department since January 2006, and this January she reached her 9 year anniversary with the City. Over the past 9 years, Brittany has been a steadfast dispatcher, helping her fellow co-workers and citizens with the upmost professionalism and courtesy. This past year she received commendations for her job performance and tireless efforts assisting citizens in need.

Service Area 1

On January 12, 2015, the Eureka Police Department and Department of Health and Human Services Mental Health branch began a new pilot program called the Mobile Intervention and Services Team (MIST). The team will be primarily targeting severely mentally ill homeless (or at risk) individuals with the goal of getting them off the streets and stabilized through housing and services etc.

Below are the DHHS members who will be partnering with EPD in the MIST program: Kelly Johnson and Muneca ("Moonie") Higginson. Kelly and Moonie will be frequent guests at EPD as they participate with us in the program. Kelly is a licensed clinician who will be working in the field with our officers to provide interventions and services to MIST clients. Moonie is the program's case manager and her role will include follow-up care and linkage to services. Their work schedule will be Monday – Friday, 0800-1700. Kelly will be generally available to assist patrol in responding to MIST related calls for service in the field.



Steve Watson

Kelly

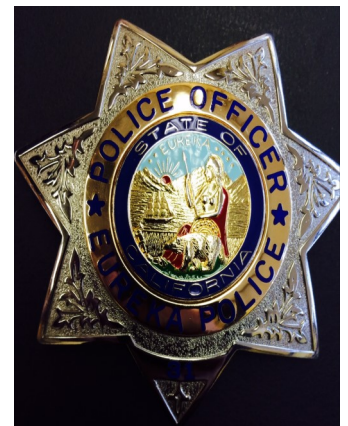


Moonie



Problem Oriented Policing...10 guns taken!

POP organized and facilitated numerous neighborhood watch meetings in addition to two long term investigations yet to unfold and: 58 - Arrests, 27 - EMC cites, 10 - Vehicles stored/impounded, 9 - Search Warrants, 10 - Firearms, 25 - Marijuana plants 160.4 lbs - Processed marijuana bud, 82.5 lbs – Marijuana trim for hashish, 503.3 grams - Concentrated Cannabis (Hashish), 10.4 grams - Methamphetamine, 190.9 grams - Heroin, 29 – Heroin loaded syringes, 5.6 grams – Ecstasy, \$4000 - Cash , 37 - Problem house investigations, 7 - CIT inspections

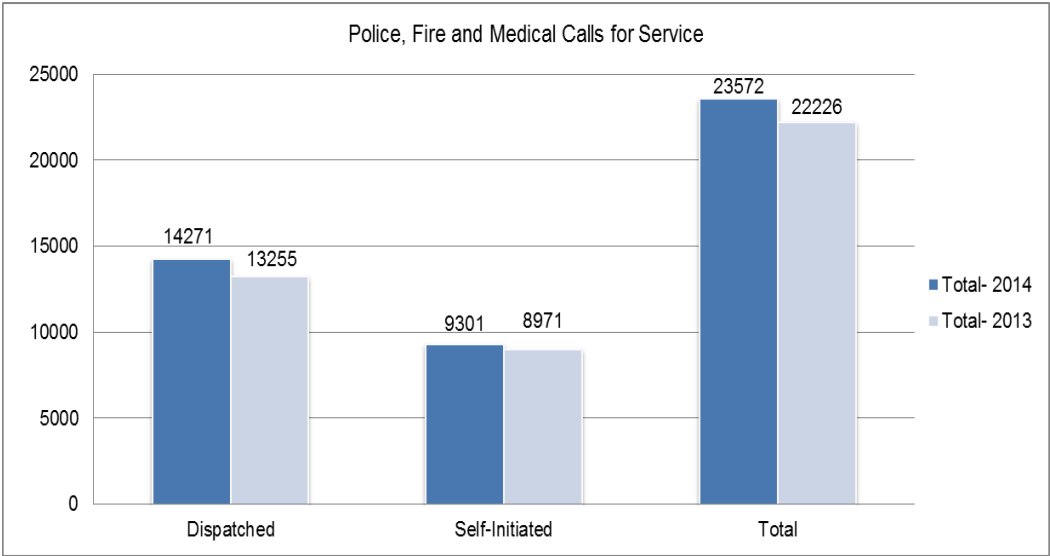




Calls, Calls and More Calls



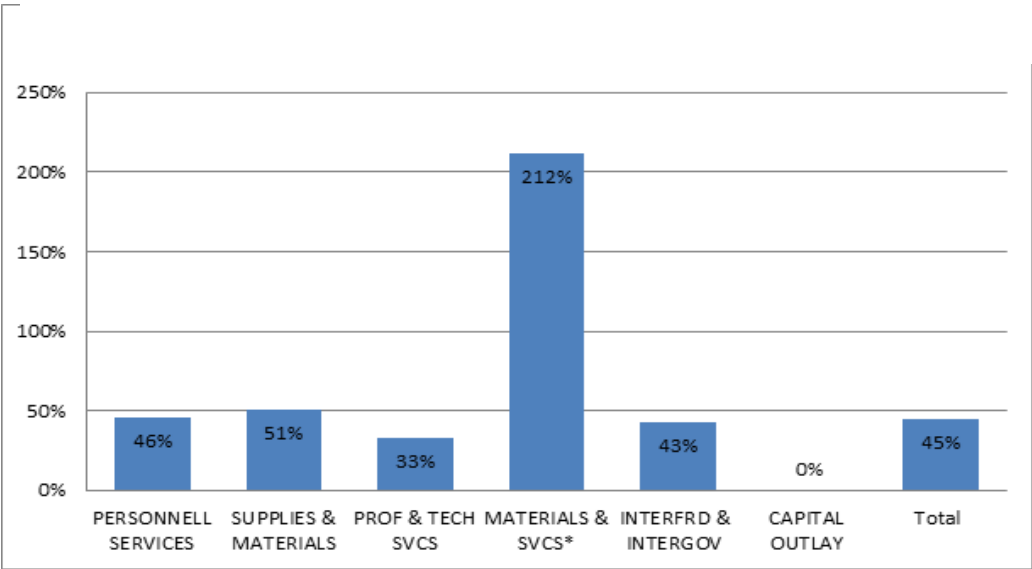
Michelle Reyna-Sanchez



Mid-Year Budget Review



YTD EPD has spent about 45% of allotted budget. The one category over was a result of a settlement with the EPOA over a FSLA claim.



Budget Categories

	CURRENT	YTD ACTUAL	% OF BUDGET
TOTAL POLICE	9,112,062.00	4,462,657.76	49%
TOTAL COMMUNICATONS	1,591,906.00	532,287.52	33%
TOTAL POP	1,073,290.00	310,403.23	29%
TOTALS	11,777,258	5,305,348.51	45%

Service Area 2

It is my pleasure to submit this quarterly report as one of the newly promoted Captains for the Eureka Police Department. I am assigned as the Service Area 2 Captain which encompasses most of the residential neighborhoods of Eureka. I am excited and humbled with the responsibilities that come with my new assignment, and promise I will do everything I can to provide the citizens of Eureka and the Eureka Police Department with the best service and leadership possible.

First, I would like to let everyone know that I am on www.Nextdoor.com which is a web based neighborhood site that allows for the sharing of information. The Eureka Police Department maintains a Law Enforcement page that allows us to receive information from our community. As I get to know the system better I hope to post crime trends, crime prevention ideas, and other information to further the relationship between the community and the police department. This is just one step, of many, I hope will assist with a two way line of communication between the department and the citizens.

Service area 2 saw a spike in theft related crimes and burglaries during this quarter. It is common for us to see an increase in these types of crimes around the holiday season, but this year seemed unusually high. We will monitor the data to see if we can identify any other factors that contributed to this sudden increase. We addressed this increase by strategically deploying officers during the busiest shopping days, implemented deterrents and utilized saturation patrols. Alert citizens have also been a great asset. With their assistance we were able to arrest several burglars in some of the hardest hit areas. **Thank You!**



Brian Stephens

Volunteer of the Quarter



So what does a retired dentist do when he has had enough of fixing teeth and making smiles pretty? Volunteer of course for EPD and the North Coast Ballet Company. Dr. Roger Miller has donated scores of hours helping keep Eureka safe and beautiful. You can find Dr. Miller standing a traffic post at an accident or patrolling the high burglary areas of the city. He is an invaluable asset to our community.

"Volunteers save the City tens of thousands of dollars each year. They are an invaluable resource that frankly we could not do without."

Captain Steve Watson

We Are EPD



**EPOA Rookie of the
Year: Ben Omey**

**EPOA Officer of the
Year: Chris Jenkins**

